

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## HONORING ELLEN KISKER

### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 24, 2022*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Ellen Kisker. Ellen is an exceptional woman who won the award for Woman of Merit from the YWCA St. Joseph Awards Program.

Ellen served as Director of the Non-Traditional Student Center and ADA Coordinator for Missouri Western State University for 24 years. While at MWSU, she was honored with the National ANTSHE College Advisor of the Year and Northland Regional Excellence in Higher Education awards, as well as being awarded the MWSU Presidential Citation under two different presidents. After retiring from MWSU, Ellen worked at the YWCA for 8 years, where she served in various capacities, ending her tenure there as the Family Resources Director. As a hands-on leader, she facilitated the Choices/Decisions program, as well as assisted her staff in the Encore Plus and Healthy Teen Parents and Healthy Babies programs. Since retiring for the second time in 2020, Ellen continues to be a strong supporter of the YWCA and serves on the Women of Excellence Steering Committee. Ellen's hard work and service to the community has been extremely valuable and she is well-deserving of her award.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in thanking and congratulating Ellen Kisker for winning the Woman in the Workplace Leadership award as well as her service to the people of the Sixth Congressional District. I am proud to represent Ellen Kisker in the United States House of Representatives.

## HONORING DIANA TAYLOR FOR CARIBBEAN HERITAGE MONTH

### HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 24, 2022*

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, Diana Taylor is an extraordinary radio host, broadcaster, and philanthropist from Central Florida who, since 1984, has led her community by mastering the art of entrepreneurship to meet the spiritual, physical, and emotional needs of humanity—more specifically, children.

Ms. Taylor engages children in her program titled “Young People’s Forum” on CAC radio and TV broadcasting on WOKB 1680 AM and 100.1 FM studios, syndicating to South Florida and the Bahamas. She has been able to successfully engage students in the Caribbean and Canada virtually as well.

Her passion to mentor children for the real world has resulted in many who are now in leadership roles in today’s job market. Her motto, “Teach the children respect and they

will learn respect. Give respect and get respect,” has been lived by every child who has been a part of this program for the past 29 years.

Ms. Taylor’s innovative approach to mentorship has earned her recognition from mayors, governors, law enforcement organizations, and business and community leaders in Central Florida. These include the 2017 Urban Empowerment and Inspiration Station Award for Longevity and Inspiration and Service to the Community, the 2016 Award for the Jamaica Diaspora (Southeastern USA) Facilitation of the Growth and Strengthening of the Regional Networking Capacity, and the 2014 Greater Orlando Cares Mentoring Movement Award.

This year, considering Jamaica’s 60th year of independence, Diana received an award of excellence from the Jamaica Diaspora Council of the Southern State. She was also honored as a Woman of Harmony and was featured in the KUOMagazine/TV during Women’s History Month for her contributions to humanity.

## REFLECTING UPON TODAY’S DECISION BY THE U.S. SUPREME COURT

### HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 24, 2022*

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, as today marks my 39th birthday and an uncertain number of years that I will still be able to bear children, a chill rides up my spine for the healthcare that I can no longer receive in the United States of America.

In a country with the highest maternal mortality rate of the industrialized world, the action of the Supreme Court is to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, taking away the constitutional right of women to make their own health care decisions. I shudder to think about what comes next. For the young girl with her whole life before her—will she be able to determine the outcomes of her life equally? How will we achieve equality, accessibility, and economic progress with women unable to make their own health care decisions? We are so much more educated, connected, and liberated than we were in 1973.

I know a new time will mark a new moment for people wishing to conceive freely and fairly on their own terms. Michigan’s Governor, Gretchen Whitmer, and Attorney General Dana Nessel are standing with the women of this Nation. I want everyone to know they have a champion in me, and together, the views of the majority in the Nation will rise again.

## HONORING REVEREND MARY McDONALD

### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 24, 2022*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Reverend Mary McDonald. Mary McDonald is an exceptional woman and winner of the Woman in the Workplace Leadership Award from the YWCA St. Joseph Awards Program.

Reverend McDonald has served for 27 years at Holsey Chapel, working faithfully and tirelessly on behalf of her congregants. During her years of ministry, Mary also worked for 34 years at Boehringer-Ingelheim and was twice the Outstanding Performance in Sales and Marketing Award recipient. Her hard work and dedication have enshrined her as a leader worth looking up to.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in thanking and congratulating Reverend McDonald for winning the Woman in the Workplace Leadership award as well as her service to the people of the Sixth Congressional District. I am proud to represent Reverend Mary McDonald in the United States House of Representatives.

## CONGRATULATING THE SANTA FE FARMERS’ MARKET INSTITUTE

### HON. TERESA LEGER FERNANDEZ

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 24, 2022*

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate the Santa Fe Farmers’ Market Institute on its 20th Anniversary on Saturday, June 25, 2022. The Institute champions local farmers and ranchers and provides equitable access to fresh, local food to the community.

Home to one of the largest farmers’ markets in the country, and the largest in New Mexico, the Institute serves as a venue for well over a hundred farmers from the 15 counties of northern New Mexico to sell their produce. The Institute nourishes us by giving us access to nutritious locally grown foods. At the same time, it brings our community closer together.

In addition to providing a home for farmers and ranchers to sell their products, the Institute administers Farmer Focused Programs and Microloans. The flexible loans fund projects that support many of the vendors’ businesses. They also improve the quality and quantity of the products brought to the Market.

Moreover, the Institute endeavors to benefit everyone in our community. Its Double Up Food Bucks program matches all EBT cards dollar for dollar. That essentially doubles SNAP participants’ purchase power for fresh and nutritious local produce.

And almost as important as all of this, is that the Farmers’ Market is a joy. It is vibrant,

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